

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

JOHN HEARD,

Petitioner,

vs.

Civ. No. 19-497 KG/GJF

KEN SMITH,

Respondent.

**PRO SE PRISONER  
CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER**

THIS MATTER is before the Court *sua sponte*. The Court has received and docketed the Petition Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed pro se by Petitioner John Heard on May 29, 2019. Petitioner shall include the case number, CV 19-00497 KG/GJF, on all papers filed in this proceeding.

Petitioner must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules of this Court, and any Order of the Court. Failure to comply with the Rules or Court Orders may result in dismissal of this case or other sanctions. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); *see also Ogden v. San Juan County*, 32 F.3d 452, 455 (10th Cir. 1994). Petitioner is obligated to keep the Court advised of any changes in Petitioner's mailing address. Failure to keep the Court informed of Petitioner's correct address may also result in dismissal of the case or other sanctions. D.N.M.LR-Civ. 83.6.

Because Petitioner is a prisoner proceeding pro se, the Court is obligated to conduct a preliminary screening of the Petition. *See* Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Proceedings. Whenever a prisoner brings a proceeding seeking habeas corpus relief, the Court is obligated to screen the prisoner's petition. Rule 4 states:

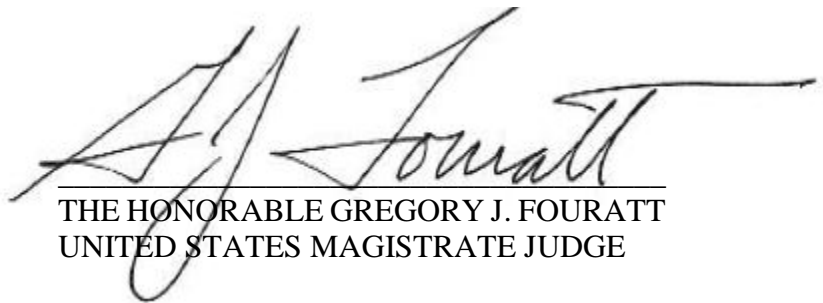
If it plainly appears from the petition and any attached exhibits that the petitioner is not entitled to relief in the district court, the judge must dismiss the petition and direct the clerk to

notify the petitioner.

Any request to the Court for relief must be in the form of a motion. Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(b). The filing of excessive motions may cause substantial delay in completion of the Court's preliminary screening and resolution of the case. Petitioner should avoid filing unnecessary motions. Requests for service of process, discovery, expansion of the record, and submissions of proof are premature and unavailable prior to the Court's completion of its screening obligation. *See Jones v. Bock*, 549 U.S. 199, 213-214 (2007). If the Petition is not dismissed on initial screening, the Court will enter further orders governing service of process, discovery, and scheduling. Petitioner should not send any letters to the Court other than transmittal letters or requests for information or copies. All mail relating to this case must be directed to the Clerk of the Court. Petitioner is not to send any mail directly to the assigned District Judge or the assigned Magistrate Judge.

**IT IS ORDERED** that this Case Management Order shall govern proceedings in this case until further order of the Court.

**SO ORDERED.**



THE HONORABLE GREGORY J. FOURATT  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE